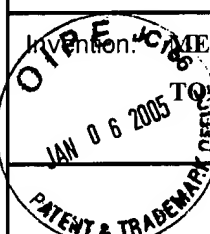
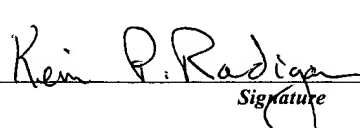
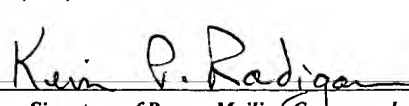
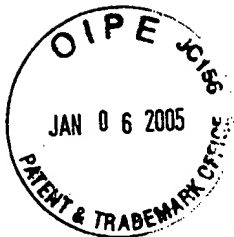


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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed responsive to the final Office Action mailed November 23, 2004, in
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Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.